

United States of certain religious workers; as amended.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. UPTON, recognized Mr. SMITH of Texas and Mr. CONDIT, each for 20 minutes.

After debate,

The question being put, viva voce,

Will the House suspend the rules and pass said bill, as amended?

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. UPTON, announced that two-thirds of the Members present had voted in the affirmative.

Mr. TRAFICANT objected to the vote on the ground that a quorum was not present and not voting.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. UPTON, pursuant to clause 5, rule I, announced that further proceedings on the motion were postponed.

The point of no quorum was considered as withdrawn.

¶109.10 REFUGEE ASSISTANCE

Mr. SMITH of Texas moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill of the Senate (S. 1161) to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to authorize appropriations for refugee and entrant assistance for fiscal years 1998 and 1999.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. UPTON, recognized Mr. SMITH of Texas and Mr. CONDIT, each for 20 minutes.

After debate,

The question being put, viva voce,

Will the House suspend the rules and pass said bill?

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. UPTON, announced that two-thirds of the Members present had voted in the affirmative.

Mr. CONDIT objected to the vote on the ground that a quorum was not present and not voting.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. UPTON, pursuant to clause 5, rule I, announced that further proceedings on the motion were postponed.

The point of no quorum was considered as withdrawn.

¶109.11 AU PAIR PROGRAMS

Mr. CAMPBELL moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill of the Senate (S. 1211) to provide permanent authority for the administration of au pair programs.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. UPTON, recognized Mr. CAMPBELL and Mr. HAMILTON, each for 20 minutes.

After debate,

The question being put, viva voce,

Will the House suspend the rules and pass said bill?

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. UPTON, announced that two-thirds of the Members present had voted in the affirmative.

Mr. CONDIT objected to the vote on the ground that a quorum was not present and not voting.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. UPTON, pursuant to clause 5, rule I, announced that further proceedings on the motion were postponed.

The point of no quorum was considered as withdrawn.

¶109.12 SCHOOL DISTRICTS LAND CONVEYANCE

Mr. CAMPBELL moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 1116) to provide for the conveyance of the reversionary interest of the United States in certain lands to the Clint Independent School District and the Fabens Independent School District.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. UPTON, recognized Mr. CAMPBELL and Mr. HAMILTON, each for 20 minutes.

After debate,

The question being put, viva voce,

Will the House suspend the rules and pass said bill?

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. UPTON, announced that two-thirds of the Members present had voted in the affirmative.

So, two-thirds of the Members present having voted in favor thereof, the rules were suspended and said bill was passed.

A motion to reconsider the vote whereby the rules were suspended and said bill was passed was, by unanimous consent, laid on the table.

Ordered, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in said bill.

¶109.13 SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING THE OCEAN

Mr. SAXTON moved to suspend the rules and agree to the following concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 131); as amended:

Whereas the ocean comprises nearly three quarters of the surface of the Earth;

Whereas the ocean contains diverse species of fish and other living organisms which form the largest eco-system on Earth;

Whereas these living marine resources provide important food resources to the United States and the world, and unsustainable use of these resources has unacceptable economic, environmental, and cultural consequences;

Whereas the ocean and sea floor contain vast energy and mineral resources which are critical to the economy of the United States and the world;

Whereas the ocean largely controls global weather and climate, and is the ultimate source of all water resources;

Whereas the vast majority of the deep ocean is unexplored and unknown, and the ocean is truly the last frontier on Earth for science and civilization;

Whereas the ocean is the common means of transportation between coastal nations and carries the majority of the United States foreign trade;

Whereas any nation's use or misuse of ocean resources has effects far beyond that nation's borders;

Whereas it has been 30 years since the Commission on Marine Science, Engineering, and Resources (popularly known as the Stratton Commission) met to examine the state of United States ocean and coastal policy, and issued recommendations which led to the present Federal structure for oceanography and marine resource management; and

Whereas 1998 has been declared the International Year of the Ocean, and in order to observe such celebration, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and other Federal agencies, in cooperation with organizations concerned with ocean science and marine resources, have resolved to promote exploration, utilization, conservation,

and public awareness of the ocean: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That it is the sense of the Congress that—

(1) the ocean is of paramount importance to the economic future, environmental quality, and national security of the United States;

(2) the United States has a responsibility to exercise and promote comprehensive stewardship of the ocean and the living marine resources it contains; and

(3) Federal agencies are encouraged to take advantage of the United States and international focus on the oceans in 1998, to—

(A) review United States oceanography and marine resources management policies and programs;

(B) identify opportunities to streamline, better direct, and increase interagency cooperation in oceanographic research and marine resource management policies and programs; and

(C) develop scientific, educational, and resource management programs which will advance the exploration of the ocean and the sustainable use of ocean resources.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. UPTON, recognized Mr. SAXTON and Mr. FARR, each for 20 minutes.

After debate,

The question being put, viva voce,

Will the House suspend the rules and agree to said concurrent resolution, as amended?

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. UPTON, announced that two-thirds of the Members present had voted in the affirmative.

Mr. CONDIT objected to the vote on the ground that a quorum was not present and not voting.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. UPTON, pursuant to clause 5, rule I, announced that further proceedings on the motion were postponed.

The point of no quorum was considered as withdrawn.

¶109.14 CORAL REEF CONSERVATION

Mr. SAXTON moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 2233) to assist in the conservation of coral reefs; as amended.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. UPTON, recognized Mr. SAXTON and Mr. FARR, each for 20 minutes.

After debate,

The question being put, viva voce,

Will the House suspend the rules and pass said bill, as amended?

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. UPTON, announced that two-thirds of the Members present had voted in the affirmative.

Mr. CONDIT objected to the vote on the ground that a quorum was not present and not voting.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. UPTON, pursuant to clause 5, rule I, announced that further proceedings on the motion were postponed.

The point of no quorum was considered as withdrawn.

¶109.15 CANADIAN RIVER PROJECT DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM

Mr. THORNBERRY moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 2007) to amend the Act that authorized the Canadian River reclamation project,